

ference of the M. E. Church South, asking the repeal of the law imposing a tax on the sale of religious books.

To the committee on the appointment of magistrates:

By Mr. Click, a petition from the citizens of Iredell county, asking the appointment of R. S. Templeton as a Justice of the Peace in Barringer's township;

By Mr. Hanner, a petition of citizens of New Hope township in Chatham county, asking the appointment of Calvin Goodwin as a magistrate in said township;

By Mr. Hanner, a petition of certain colored citizens of Hickory Mountain township in Chatham county, asking the appointment of H. F. Holden as a magistrate in said township; and

By Mr. Hayley, a petition from citizens of Gaston township in the county of Northampton, asking the appointment of W. M. Baker as a magistrate in said township.

To the committee on Propositions and Grievances:

By Mr. Simpson, a petition from citizens of Chickama-comico, praying for the passage of an act to prohibit stallions from running at large between New Inlet and the point known as Gourd Hill; and

By Mr. Tate, a petition of the County Commissioners and other officers of Burke county in relation to additional courts;

Which is referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Ragsdale, from the committee on Agriculture, Mechanics and Mining, reports favorably on

H. B. 436, a bill to require the owners of cotton gins to weigh and mark cotton ginned by them;

And unfavorably on

H. B. 558, a bill the better to secure the collecting of rents.

Mr. Manning, from the Judiciary committee, reports on

H. B. 420, a bill to repeal chapter 41, Laws of 1879, relat-